

# Media Advisory

## STATE OF THE LAKES ECOSYSTEM CONFERENCE (SOLEC) OPENS WEDNESDAY

**TORONTO, Ontario, October 4, 2004** – The sixth State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference, known as SOLEC, will be held in Toronto over three days, October 6-8, 2004. David Miller, Mayor of Toronto, will address the delegates at a dinner on October 6.

Established in 1994 by Environment Canada and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, SOLEC reports on progress toward achieving the goal of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement: to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the waters of the Great Lakes Basin ecosystem.

Approximately 400 scientists and decision-makers will preview information from the draft 2005 SOLEC report, debate the findings and provide feedback regarding key indicators of the state of the ecosystem, the pressures on the system (pollution, invasive non-native species, loss of habitat, etc.), and society's response to those pressures.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 6, 2004  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Delta Chelsea Hotel  
33 Gerrard Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

A media backgrounder is available at <http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/news.html>.

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